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morning, or when the air is cool, they lie sluggishly on the bottom of the cage, or under a rock, and at such times they are of this dark color and show no desire to feed. When the sun strikes their cage, however, they scramble around in a lively manner, their lighter colors begin to show, and they snap up meal worms eagerly.

They are good feeders, quite hardy, and are very gentle, never offering to bite.

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FISHES IN THE WATER-SUPPLY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

On April 15, 1910, we visited Mr. Alfred D. Poole at Wilmington, who offered us every opportunity to examine the fishes in the filter-beds. These are fed from the reservoir, which is supplied from the Brandywine Creek, at a considerable distance. After the water was drawn off, we found the following: *Abramis crysoleucas*, *Notropis hudsonius amarus*, *N. analostanus*, *N. cornutus*, *Cyprinus carpio*, *Catostomus commersonii*, *Ameiurus nebulosus*, *Lepomis auritus*, *Eupomotis gibbosus* and *Boleosoma nigrum olmstedii*. On September 24, 1910, we again inspected other of the filter-beds, finding all of the above except *Ameiurus nebulosus*, besides the following additional species: *Anguilla chrisypa*, *Semotilus bullaris*, *Ameiurus catus* and *Micropterus dolomieu*. On November 20 and 21, 1913, we again visited Wilmington, and examined the reservoir after the water was drawn off. We found it contained the following: *Notropis analostanus*, *Cyprinus carpio*, *Anguilla chrisypa*, *Lepomis auritus*, *Eupomotis gibbosus* and *Micropterus salmoides*. These lists are quite interesting as showing the variety of species which gradually stock artifi-

cial bodies of water after considerable periods of time, as several years had elapsed since their previous drainings.

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NOTES ON FISHES NEAR NEW YORK.

Since a List of the Fishes Known to have Occurred within Fifty Miles of New York City went to press in the Abstract of the Proceedings of the Linnæan Society of New York, published February 8, 1913, further data, changing the local status of the following species, has come to the writer's attention :

Hippocampus hudsonius. (Feb.¹) April to Nov.¹

*Lobotes surinamensis.*² Casual. Sept. and Oct.

One seen in the fishermen's catch at Galilee, N. J., Sept. 20, 1913.

Prionotus carolinus. May to Nov. 21.³

Urophycis chuss. Common. Oct. to at least Nov. 21.³

Paralichthys dentatus. May to Nov. 21.³

*Paralichthys oblongus.*³ Common. Nov.

*Limanda ferruginea.*³ Common. Nov.

Lophopsetta maculata. August to Nov. 23, at which date in 1912 it was seen taken from rather deep water.

1. N. Y. Zoological Soc. Bull., April 1904.

2. N. Y. Zoological Soc. Bull., Jan. 1907.

3. Seen taken by the writer off New York in twenty-one fathoms, Nov. 21, 1912.

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LATE ACTIVITY OF PICKERING'S HYLA.

On December 7, 1913, at Plainfield, N. J., I heard three Pickering's Hylas giving their clear, Spring whistle in different parts of the woods. The day, like the preceding, was unseasonably warm (temperature 54° F. at 11:45 A. M.) and rainy, and the woods very wet.

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